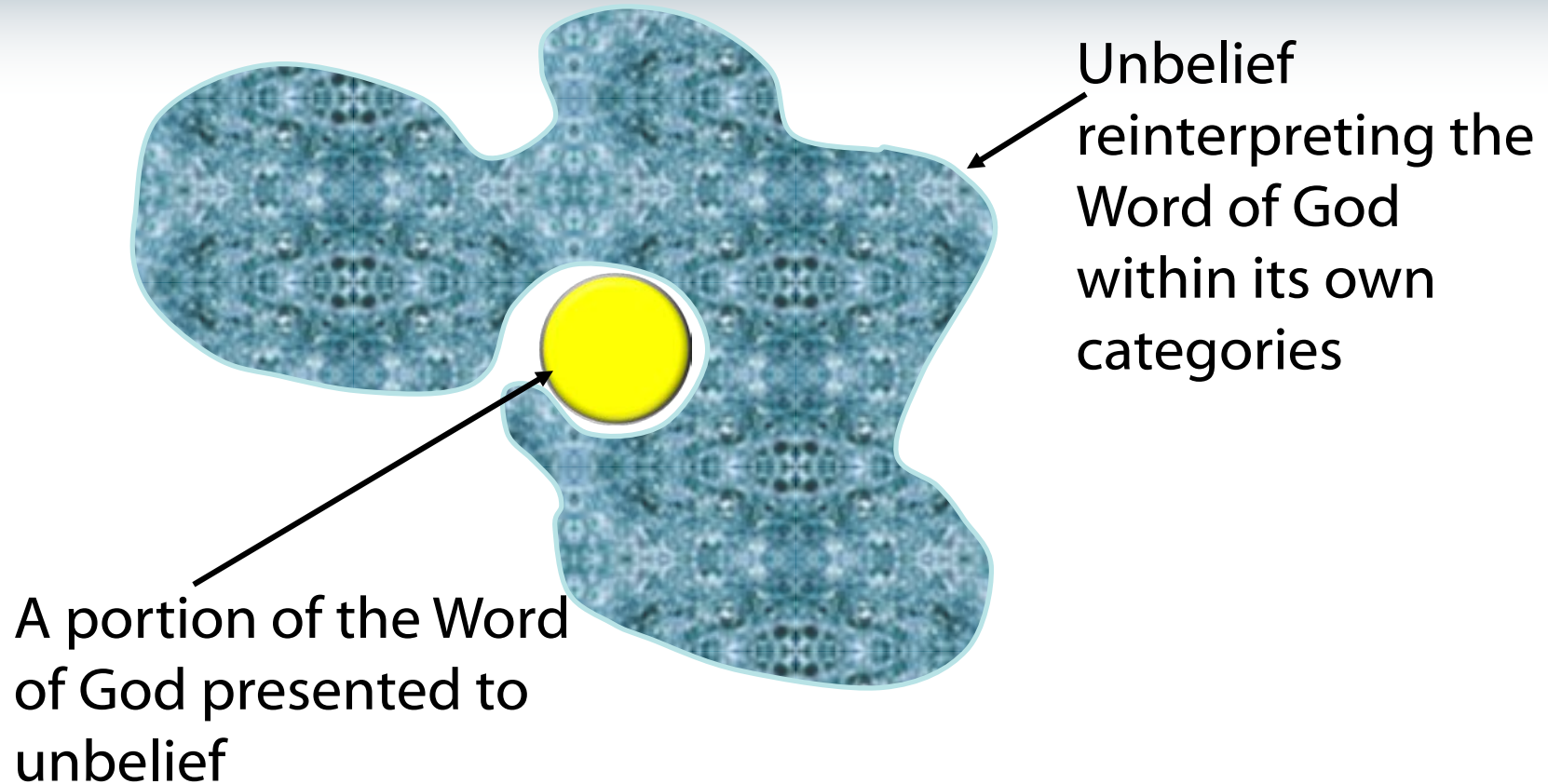
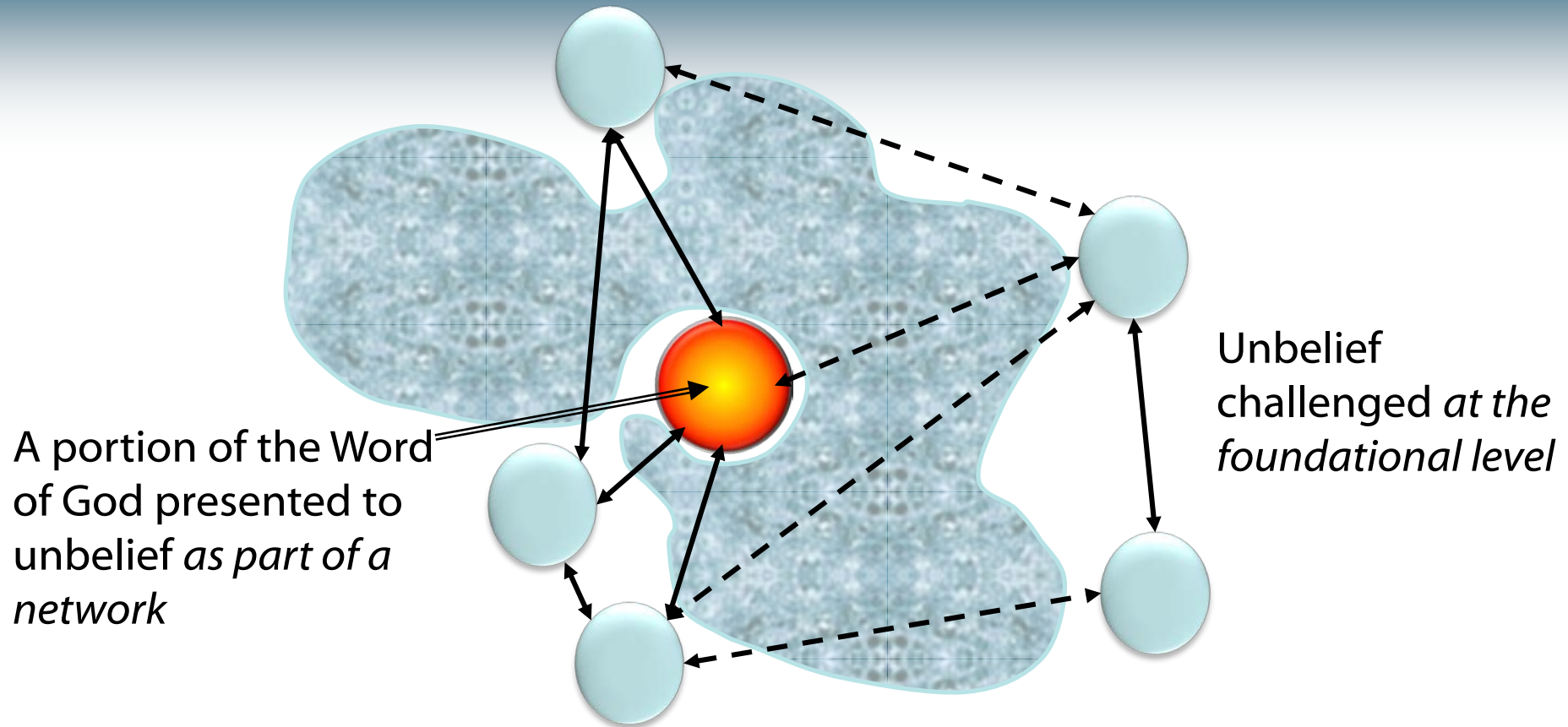


Unbelief Swallowing up a Bit of the Word of God



“Unbelief controls my interpretation of the situation”

Unbelief Forced into a Contrast in Many Areas Simultaneously



“The Word controls my interpretation of the situation”

Empowered by Eschatological Truths

**“For the LORD is great and greatly to be
praised;
He is to be feared above all gods for all the gods
of the peoples are idols,
But the LORD made the heavens. . . . Give to
the LORD the glory due His name.”**

Psalm 96:4–8

“You are worthy O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by You will they exist and were created.”

Revelation 4:11

“You alone are the LORD, You made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and everything in it. The seas and all that is in them, And You preserve them all. The host of heaven worships You.”

Nehemiah 9:6

The Dynamics of Modern Scientific Communities

- **Politically funding educational curricula and research**
- **Manufactured consensus**
- **Secular agenda for training children**
- **Not “evidence-based decision making” but “decision-based evidence making”**

“Post-Normal” Science

“The concept of post-normal science goes beyond the traditional assumptions that science is both certain and value-free . . . The exercise of scholarly activities is defined by the dominance of goal orientation where scientific goals are controlled by political or societal actors. . . . In post-normal science, the maintenance of quality, rather than the establishment of factual knowledge, is the key task of scientists. Scientists have to contribute to society by learning as quickly as possible about different [group] perceptions . . . instead of seeking deep ultimate knowledge.” [UK blogger citing the scholarly work of Funtowicz and Ravetz during the 1990s]

The So-Called War Between Religion and Science

Key book: President Andrew White's book *A History of the Warfare of Science with Theology*

“Their goal was to secularize society, replacing the Christian worldview with scientific naturalism. They understood very well that they were replacing one religion with another for they described their goal as the establishment of the ‘church scientific’.”

Nancy Pearcey and Charles Thaxton, *The Soul of Science*

Walker Memorial Dining Hall at MIT

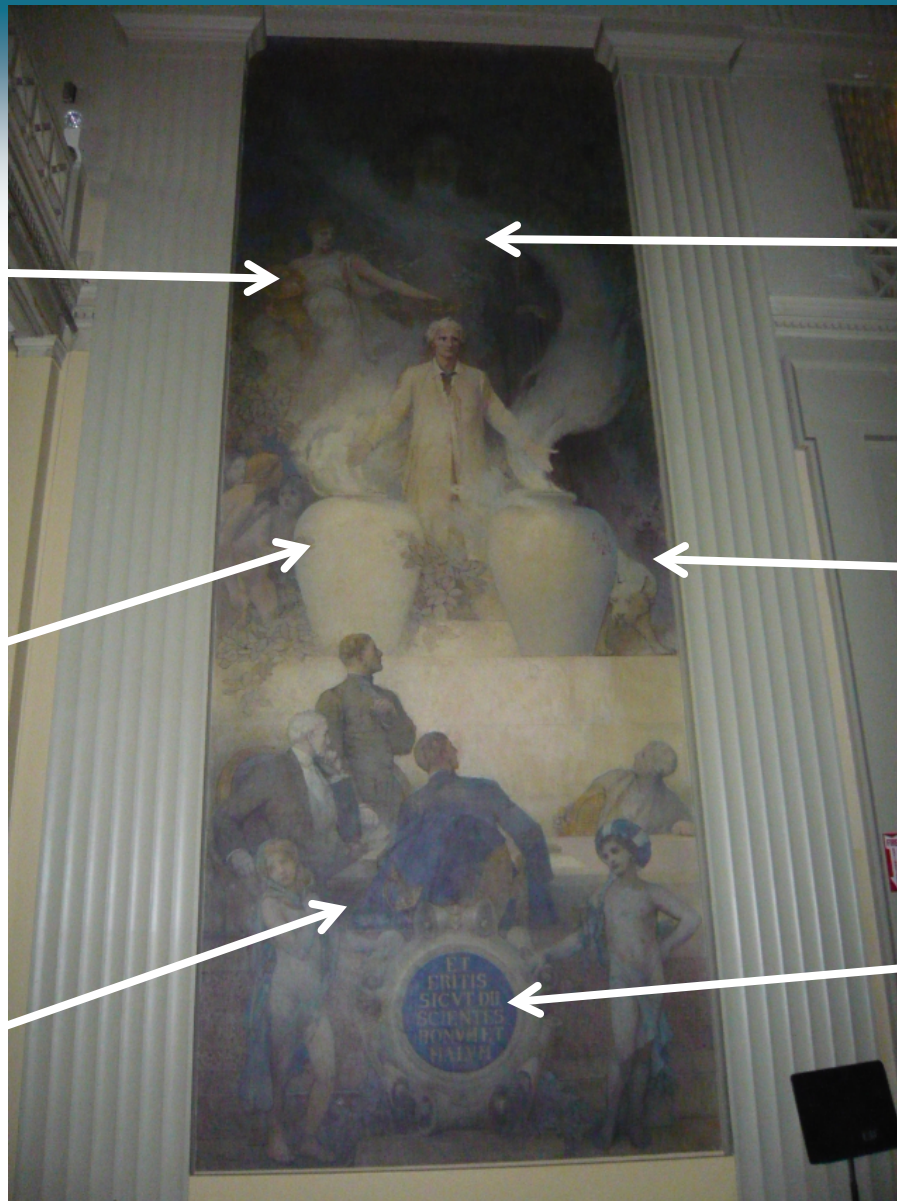


The Mural on the Left Side of the Hall

Hygeia—
goddess
linked to
Asclepius,
god of
medicine
crowning the
scientist

Good smoke
with cherubs

Diplomats &
officers at the
council table
of the world



Nature figure
under the Tree
of the
Knowledge of
good and evil

Evil smoke
with the dogs
of war

“You shall be as
gods knowing
both good &
evil”

Need & Requirements for Deductive Reasoning

Deductive reasoning needed to go beyond empirical observations to make theories and test them

Requires immaterial laws of classification and logic

Requires universality and invariance in laws of logic

Does Math Success Imply a Pre-Established Design?



Albert Einstein
(1879-1955)

“The success of [scientific] procedure supposes in the objective world a high degree of order which we are in no way entitled to expect a priori. There lies the “miracle”...I think of the comprehensibility of the world as a miracle or an eternal mystery.”

Need & Requirements for **Inductive** Reasoning

Needed to make experience efficient—I don't have to repeat experiences over and over again.

Requires trust in uniformity (not uniformitarianism discussed later)

***Problem: how, apart from trust in the God of the Bible, can I believe in uniformity?
(probability arguments can't work because they rely upon uniformity!)***

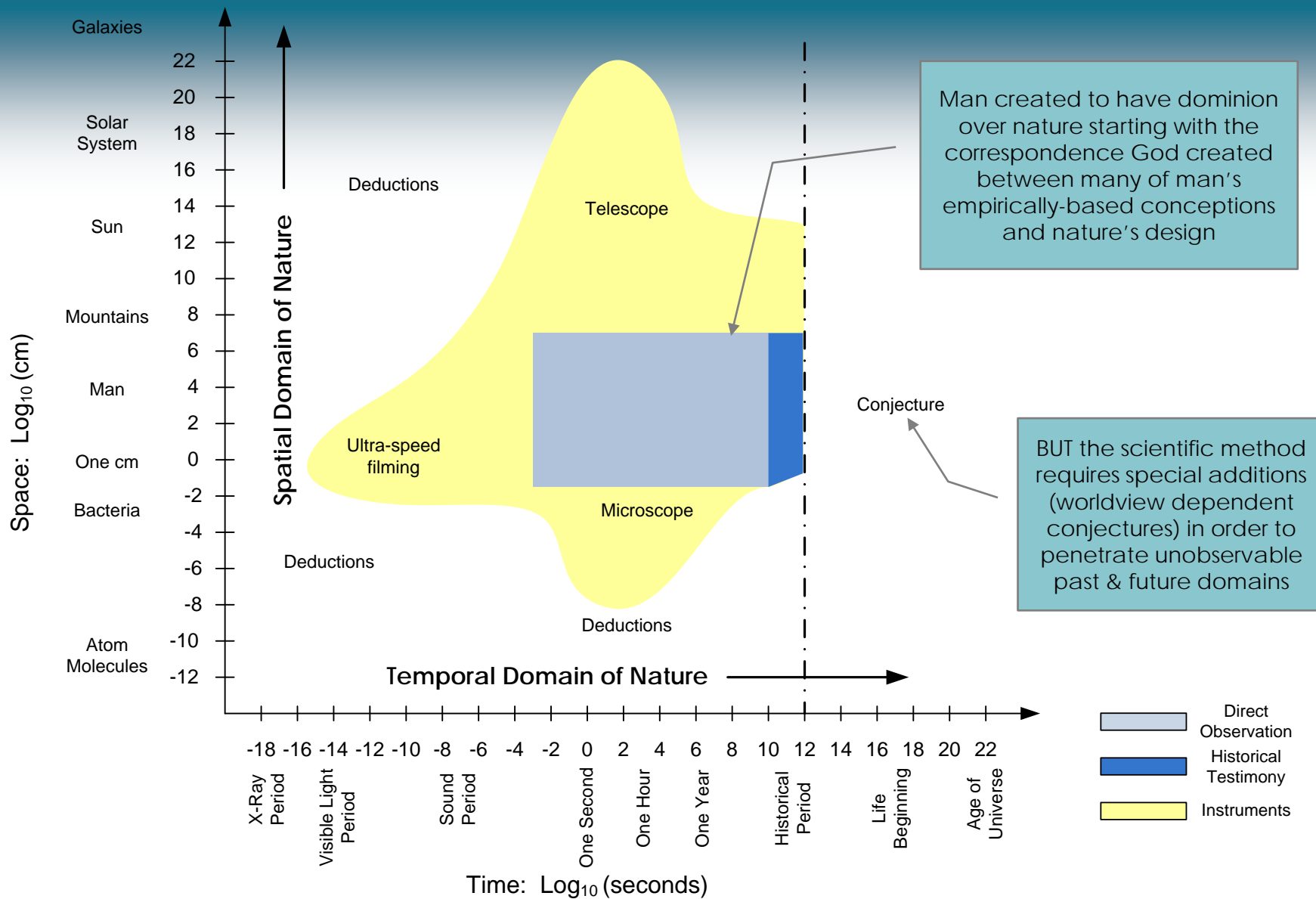
Need & Requirements for Ethical Behavior Throughout the Community

Science requires ethical commitment to deductive and inductive reasoning *regardless of the political, publishing, and funding consequences* (no “manufactured consensus” & no post-normal science commitment to pre-established social goals)

Experiment reporting must be honest—no fake data!

Funding must be used for the stated purpose

Limits of Empirical Knowledge



Man created to have dominion over nature starting with the correspondence God created between many of man's empirically-based conceptions and nature's design

BUT the scientific method requires special additions (worldview dependent conjectures) in order to penetrate unobservable past & future domains

From Uniformity to Uniformitarianism

Uniformity of natural law = constancy of natural processes actually observed

Uniformitarianism = the belief that

- (1) only natural processes observed today can be used to account for observed geological, chemical, and atomic structures;**
- (2) the rate of such natural processes observed today has always remained about the same**